

Just a comment on the above Proceeding and it's likely affect on independent ISPs. I use and independent ISP that has contracts with SBC to share the equipment needed to supply the service to our home. I value the service I get from this ISP and the value I get due to competition and choices. The service my ISP offers is vastly superior to the service friends are getting from SBC. Because of the marketplace and my ability to chose, I have chosen a competitor to SBC. The competition helps all consumers. However, I have seen that competition shrink over the past few years, with fewer and fewer choices out there. In my opinion, Bell South's request would likely sound the death knell for the independent ISPs that remain out there. Bell South (and the rest of the Baby Bells) would have the power to shut the door on competition and take away my choices. Service would likely suffer and people would loose jobs. Please don't let this happen. We citizens need your help by not letting DSL service become a monopoly.

Thanks you,

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